

[The Anniston Star Editorial: Flip-flop on immigration reform — Boehner has the worst job in D.C., and this example shows why](#)

“John Boehner...last week offered bad news for Americans hoping to see immigration reform in 2014...not gonna happen. His reason: Because Republicans in the House delegation “don’t trust that the reform that we’re talking about will be implemented as it was intended to be.” In other words, it’s that untrustworthy Barack Obama’s fault the nation can’t repair its immigration system.”

“Did we mention Boehner’s no-go on immigration came just a week after he pledged to put immigration reform on the front-burner this year? It did, but by now Speaker Boehner’s backpedaling because of his coalition’s more extreme elements is nothing new. Such is the lot of anyone who would lead Tea Party-fueled Republicans who can’t tolerate any policy that looks like a “win” for Obama.”

[The Santa Cruz Sentinel Editorial: Cracks in reform ice on immigration](#)

“Republicans have become quite adept at blocking things, but voters want to see if the party can actually produce results -- even if that means working with Democrats. And no issue provides as good an opportunity as improving the badly broken immigration system, which is both an economic and moral problem.”

[Los Angeles Times Editorial: Don't hold immigration reform hostage to electoral politics](#)

“Sadly, the news about the new standards prompted some members of Congress and conservative pundits to cite a laundry list of reasons to abandon the effort. President Obama can't be trusted to enforce the law, some said. Taking up immigration will only divide Republicans and distract voters from the president's failed policies, argued others.”

[The Tampa Bay Times Editorial: Boehner's failure to lead on immigration](#)

“It's not the president's fault that Boehner can't persuade the most conservative Republican House members to do the right thing. Instead of giving up, the speaker ought to bring up for a vote the bipartisan immigration bill passed last year by the Senate and allow sensible Republicans to vote with Democrats and approve changes that would benefit Florida and the nation.”

“In fact, Boehner's latest attack on the president is an attempt to shift attention and blame from his own failure to bring together House Republicans on immigration.”

“The problem, of course, is that Boehner could not sell even these broad outlines to the conservative House members from his own party. Those conservatives said this week they want to wait until next year to tackle the issue and hope Republicans can take control of the Senate. But what they want is not really reform.”

[Arizona Republic Editorial: Pass an immigration bill now: We reject your excuses](#)

“No, John Boehner, you don’t get a pass. We will not accept bait-and-switch. We will not be stuck with the status quo. We will not let you off the hook. The excuses aren’t new either. Just unacceptable. So get tough, Mr. Boehner. There is no safe, easy way. Do the hard work. Get this done.”

[Washington Post Editorial: Mr. Boehner’s weak immigration excuses](#)

“The suggestion that the president doesn’t or wouldn’t enforce immigration laws is transparently false...the speaker’s assertion is a smoke screen designed to obscure the fact that rank-and-file Republicans refuse to tackle immigration reform.”

[Chicago Tribune Editorial: GOP spoke too soon on immigration](#)

“Let's be clear: If the House refuses to take up immigration reform this year, it's not on Obama. It's on Boehner.”

[La Opinion Editorial: The Immigration farce](#)

“Using an excuse like that one to avoid working on immigration reform shows monumental insensitivity on the part of the Republican caucus...the journey of the House majority when it comes to immigration so far has been a farce.”

[The Miami Herald Editorial: Boehner blocks immigration reform at the GOP's peril](#)

"...Mr. Boehner slammed on the brakes, offering the weakest of excuses. The Republican leader said it would be difficult to convince his caucus that President Obama would enforce any immigration bill..."

"That excuse doesn't pass the credibility test. Why pass any law at all, if that's the case? Why not just pack up and go home?"

[The Denver Post Editorial Board: GOP is in denial on immigration](#)

"The speaker blamed his reversal on the president, saying 'there's widespread doubt whether this administration can be trusted to enforce our laws.' But this excuse doesn't pass the laugh test. Boehner had been pounded by critics worried about primary challenges from the right to Republican incumbents."

[The Philadelphia Inquirer Editorial: More than self-interest](#)

"There's an easy way to describe House Republicans' continued reluctance to pass an immigration overhaul that provides a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million people residing in this country illegally: selfish."

"Rather than cooperate, House Republicans apparently find it more appealing to attack Democrats by demonizing Obama...If they don't care about cultivating new voters, they should care that many of the businesspeople among their most reliable financial supporters want immigration reform, too."

[The Star Ledger Editorial: Boehner's immigration excuse is bogus](#)

"Boehner won't allow a floor vote because he knows the obstructionists in his caucus would revolt, and might even remove him as Speaker. He also knows that it would inflame the split in his party during an election year, and shift the focus away from Obama's health reform. Blaming this on Obama is a stunt."

[The Albuquerque Journal Editorial: Don't let election derail immigration reforms](#)

"First conservative House Republicans insisted the debate should be put off until after the elections, when they hope to gain control of the Senate. Then Boehner declared reform virtually dead for this Congress. He said Republicans didn't trust the president to enforce the law as passed, citing Obama's many changes to the health care act and his recent promise to do administratively what he can't get Congress to do."

[The Reno Gazette Journal Editorial: Congress' Failure to Act on Immigration Hurts U.S.](#)

"The continued uncertainty is hurting the U.S. economy. It's encouraging states to try to take action on their own, thus creating a patchwork of laws, enforcement efforts and court cases. And it's making members of Congress on both sides look like partisan hacks."

[The Kansas City Star Editorial: GOP punts on immigration reform](#)

"After a Republican issues retreat and an apparent tea party uprising, which is threatening Boehner's speakership, the GOP has only one thing to say: Blame it on Obama. This position would be laughable if it weren't so transparently cynical."

"...blaming the president is a far cry from solving a real problem."

[The Charlotte Observer Editorial: On Immigration, a GOP Bait-and-Switch](#)

"The 'yes-we-can-well-no-we-can't' also has the classic markings of a political bait-and-switch. Tell the voters that you really want to get things done, and even release a list of 'standards' dealing how. Then, when the other side disagrees on the prescription, say 'Well, we tried.'"

[Las Cruces Sun-News Editorial: House position of immigration disingenuous](#)

"That's disingenuous. The real issue is that there is nothing approaching consensus in the House Republican caucus about what should be in an immigration reform plan, particularly when it comes to dealing with the millions of people who are in the country illegally. House Republicans had a chance to fix a flawed immigration system, shrink the deficit and expand the economy. And they took a pass."

[Desert News Editorial: In our opinion: Immigration reform is needed now, not next election cycle](#)

"This is short-sighted political gamesmanship, and is not worthy of our nation's representatives."

"Immigration reform is a matter of compassion. It is the right thing to do for U.S. citizens and for those law-abiding individuals who wish to be citizens. And for the millions of hard-working people whose lives are in limbo, reform of the nation's immigration laws are needed now, not in a political campaign cycle that is convenient for Republicans."

[The Houston Chronicle Editorial: Immigration reality](#)

"Surely, it makes more sense to acknowledge reality, legalize the status of those who contribute to our society and provide them an opportunity to become full-fledged citizens if they're willing to take necessary steps. Surely, we're all better off without a shadow society that does our work and pays its share of taxes but can't participate fully in helping to make this a better nation."

"House Republicans - for the health of their party, but, more important, for the health of the nation - need to come to their senses."

[The Wall Street Journal Editorial: Washington's Growth Retreat](#)

"...conservatives and the GOP are as responsible for the failure on immigration. The populist wing of the party has talked itself into believing the zero-sum economics that immigrants steal jobs from U.S. citizens and reduce American living standards. Neither claim is true..."